

REMARKS

In the Office Action the Examiner issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect one group of claims for examination. The claims were restricted as follows:

Group I: claims 1-18 and 31-38, drawn to a catheter system.

Group II: claims 19-30, drawn to a method of measuring pressure within a patient.

Applicant elects group I, claims 1-18 and 31-38 without traverse.

The Office Action further required election of a single species from the following:

Species A: Reservoir and charging mechanism are in sensor body (Fig. 1A);

Species B: Reservoir and charging mechanism are in catheter body (Fig. 1B); and

Species C: Reservoir and charging mechanism are in an intermediate body (Fig. 1C).

Applicant elects Species A, wherein the reservoir and charging mechanism are in sensor body (Fig. 1A). Claims that are generic or read on the elected species of the elected claims include claims 1-7, 15-18, 31-33 and 37.

Applicant notes that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

In reviewing the file history on PAIR we discovered that the Information Disclosure Statement prepared for this case had not been filed. Accordingly, an Information Disclosure Statement is being filed today prior to a First Office Action on the merits.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at 763.505.0003 or by E-mail at mary.p.bauman@medtronic.com with any questions or comments.

Please grant any extension of time, if necessary, for the entry of this paper and charge any fee due for such extension or any other fee required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account 13-2546.

Respectfully submitted,

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